



Traffic Safety Newsletter

MAY 2012

OPO & BCC Annual Update and eGrant Training Sessions

Training dates have been announced for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Traffic Safety Updates and eGrant Training Sessions. All law enforcement agencies working Operation Pull Over (OPO) or Big City/Big County (BCC) must send a representative to the training. An RSVP is required for training sessions and are being accepted on a first come, first served basis. Reservations should be submitted to Sola Egunyomi at (317) 234-6257 or by email oegunyomi@cji.in.gov.

BCC TRAINING INFORMATION:

July 19, 2012 10:00am INDOT/ISP Learning Center-Post 52
21st & Post Road, Indianapolis

* All BCC agencies MUST attend this training!

OPO TRAINING INFORMATION:

June 25, 2012 9:00am Clarion Hotel & Conference Center
2480 Jonathon Moore Pike, Columbus, IN 47201

June 26, 2012 9:00am Jasper Police Department
309 E. 6th Street, Jasper, IN 47546

June 27, 2012 9:00am INDOT/ISP Learning Center-Post 52
21st & Post Road, Indianapolis

June 28, 2012 9:00am Ramada Inn Conference Center
2517 E. Center Street, Warsaw, IN 46580

Coming up...

Rural Demonstration Project
Enforcement Period:
Through May 17

Operation Pull Over Blitz 71
Seatbelts
Enforcement Period:
May 18-June 3

ARIES 5 UPDGRADE

If you haven't yet updated to
ARIES 5, you need to do so by June 1st.
Contact APRISS at (317) 215-8300 ASAP!

EXCISE OFFICER HELPS DELIVER BABY AT GAS STATION

Excise Police Lieutenant Christopher Bard, who was on his way home from Bloomington early April 19th, noticed something unusual in a gas station parking lot around 4:08am. As he drove by the gas station at State Roads 46 and 59 near Ashboro, he saw a Pontiac with the passenger side door open and a second person down near the passenger's lap. When he approached the car, he saw the passenger, a 22-year old Greencastle woman, was in the process of giving birth. Her mother, who is trained as an advanced EMT, was assisting with delivering the baby.

At her request, Lt. Bard cut one of the mother's shoelaces with his knife. He then held the baby girl in a blanket while the woman's mother cut the umbilical cord and tied off the baby's end with the shoelace. The woman's mother told Lt. Bard she was going to take her daughter and newborn granddaughter to Union Hospital instead of waiting for an ambulance. Lt. Bard provided an escort to the hospital. The baby and her mother were reported to be doing well.

"Often law enforcement officers respond in situations involving serious injury or that are often unpleasant, but helping a new baby come into the world is a great way to end a shift," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter of the Indiana Excise Police said. "I am glad the mother and child are doing well, and I am certain this will be an event that Lt. Bard will always remember.

Lt. Bard has rightfully earned this month's "Going Above & Beyond" award!

Have a suggestion for the newsletter? Someone you want to spotlight? Let us know [here!](#)

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LEL SPOTLIGHT

SW Region: ICJI would like to congratulate **Eric Dickenson, Coordinator for Cannelton Police Department**. Eric has just been hired by the **Perry County Sheriff's Dept.** as a full time road deputy and will patrol late shift. He will continue to work as Coordinator for Cannelton PD.

FARS COUNT

PROVISIONAL TOTAL OF **2012** TRAFFIC FATALITIES-AS OF 9:00 A.M. MAY 1, 2012

	DEATHS		CRASHES		REDUCTION OR INCREASE	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	Deaths	Crashes
Rural	122	148	109	136	+26	+27
Urban	70	60	66	58	-10	-8
Statewide	192	208	175	194	+16	+19

BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HELP TEENS *RULE THE ROAD*

On Saturday, April 14, 2012, the Boone County Sheriff's Office hosted a Rule the Road Teen Driving Event. Nearly 50 Boone County teens participated in this event. Rule the Road provides participants an opportunity to learn lifesaving skills behind the wheel. The teens learn from and practice under the direction of Emergency Vehicle Operator Instructors. The events reinforce the importance of using a seatbelt, not driving impaired or distracted and focusing on driving skills including vehicle handling, and speed and space management. Congratulations to the Boone County Sheriff's Office an amazing event! Special thank you to event sponsors Montgomery Aviation, Lamar & Lamar Insurance, American Legion Riders, A Plus Driving Academy and the Lebanon Wal-mart for their contributions to Rule the Road Boone County.

Next up, Rule the Road will be in Evansville on June 6th. If you would like more information about bringing Rule the Road to your community, contact [Angie Morris](#).



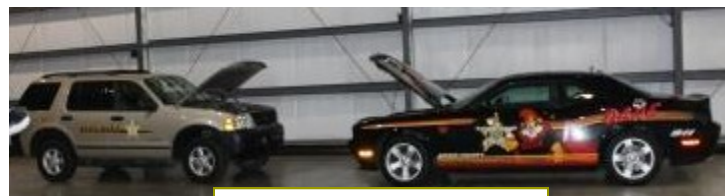
SKID CAR



QUICK CLICK
SEATBELT CHALLENGE



FATAL VISION



PREVENTING CRASHES
THROUGH
PROPER VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

“Carelessness doesn’t bounce. It shatters!” -Terri Guillemets

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UPCOMING TRAINING/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

Lifesavers Conference

June 14-16, 2012

Orlando, FL

[Click here for more information.](#)

GHSA: Public Health & Traffic Safety

August 26-29, 2012

Baltimore, MD

[Click here for more information.](#)

ALL THINGS “CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY”

If your agency is not working on a Child Passenger Safety initiative, ask yourself... why not? Automobile crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 3-14 and as many as 3 out of 4 car seats are not being used properly. For more information about Child Passenger Safety happenings throughout Indiana, keep reading!

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY REFRESHER COURSES-Sponsored by the Indiana University Automotive Safety Program
Registration is **FREE** and lunch is provided! You will also earn 4.5 CEUs toward re-certification as well as have an opportunity to complete the five car seat installation scenarios required for recertification. Registration forms are available [here](#) and should be submitted to April Brooks at apbrooks@iupui.edu.

Thur. June 28, 2012

St. Joseph Co. Jail-Training Room
401 W. Sample St.
South Bend, IN 46601
8:30am-5:00pm EST

Wed. July 11, 2012

Greenwood Community High School-Auditorium
615 W. Smith Valley Rd.
Greenwood, IN 46142
8:30am-5:00pm EST

Tues. Aug. 7, 2012

Harrison Co. Hospital-Baumgart Room
1141 Hospital Dr.
Corydon, IN 47112
8:30am-5:00pm EST



WATCH THE NEW CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY PSA BY CLICKING [HERE](#)!



National Child Passenger Safety Board Membership

The National Child Passenger Safety Board is currently seeking members for the 2013 Board. Board membership is being sought in the following categories:

Child Passenger Safety Advocate: Candidate must be an individual representing the CPS Community and will serve on the board as an individual-not representing their employer.

At Large: Candidate may apply as either representing an organization or as an individual involved in child passenger safety.

Diversity: Candidate must be a representative of an organization that serves diverse populations.

Click [here](#) for more information or to complete an application.

REMINDER

Child Restraint Distribution
Grant Applications are due
into eGrants by close of business May 4th! Don't wait!
Apply TODAY!

HIGHWAY SAFETY AWARDS NOMINATION DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

Each year, at its Annual Meeting, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) recognizes individuals and organizations for achievements in the field of highway safety. GHSA is now soliciting nominations for its 2012 awards. Award nominations must be completed online no later than May 11th. Awards will be presented at GHSA's Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland August 26-29th. For more information, click [here](#).

"IT ONLY TAKES ONE" CAMPAIGN RELEASES PSA

Indiana Students Against Destructive Decisions ("SADD") has released their PSA for the second year of their "It Only Takes One" Campaign. **To watch the PSA click [here](#).** For more information about the campaign, please check out their Facebook page [here](#) or contact [Jamie Vickery](#), Program Director with Indiana SADD.

NHTSA releases *Vehicle Theft Prevention Quick Reference Guide for the Law Enforcement Community*

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is responsible for establishing and enforcing vehicle antitheft regulations. Motor vehicle theft is a growing problem that results in billions of dollars in losses every year. NHTSA has developed this annual guide to provide the law enforcement community with a concise reference tool to help identify passenger motor vehicles that have been exempted from the parts-marking requirements through model year 2011 and also to assist law enforcement in their prosecution and motor vehicle theft prevention efforts. This new guide provides a quick-reference, comprehensive summary of the vehicles that have been installed with antitheft devices as standard equipment, identifying which vehicles are exempted from the parts-marking requirements, the type of exemption granted (partial or full), and the production year(s) for which the exemption applies.

This and future versions of the *Vehicle Theft Prevention Quick Reference Guide for the Law Enforcement Community* will provide comprehensive information for vehicle lines. The parts-marking requirements have been extended to include:

- all passenger cars,
- all multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000 pounds or less,
- all light-duty trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000 pounds or less determined to be high-theft, and
- all low-theft, light-duty trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000 pounds or less having a majority of their major parts interchangeable with those of a passenger motor vehicle line subject to the theft prevention standard.

Download your copy of the Guide by clicking [here](#).

Traffic Safety Partnership involves teens in Pre-Blitz Seat Belt Surveys

The Evansville-Vanderburgh County Traffic Safety Partnership involved 18 driver education students at Memorial High School in their Pre-Blitz seatbelt surveys. The students, along with the Partnership, surveyed four intersections in Evansville and were on the lookout for seatbelt use as well as driver distractions. See below for media coverage of this activity.

Click on these links:

["Driver's Ed Students on the Lookout for Distracted Drivers"](#)

["Would you ever read a book while driving?"](#)



Distracted Driving Shatters Lives

Family members of Hoosiers share their stories of heartbreak during April, which was Distracted Driving Awareness Month



LEFT:

Diveeta Thompson shares the story of her son's fatal crash on April 25th, with college students at St. Mary's College. Rodney, an 18-year-old high school student, was killed on October 14, 2008. Rodney was texting at the time when he lost control of his vehicle, crossed the center line and slammed into a utility pole.

Since Rodney's crash, Diveeta founded "Stop Texting and Distracted Driving" (STANDDD). For more information about Diveeta's story, please click [here](#) or visit www.standdd.org.

RIGHT:

Shawn Hieser speaks about his niece, Emily Huntington, at the Indiana SADD Celebration on April 27th. Emily was a senior at Jac-Cen-Del High School. Emily was involved in a fatal crash on December 30, 2011 at which time she was texting and not wearing a seatbelt. Emily's passenger walked away from the crash.

For more information about Emily's story, please visit Just Drive. Live. Laugh. Learn. on Facebook by clicking [here](#).





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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Websites

ARIES (Crash Records): <http://crashreports.in.gov>
 Automotive Safety Program (Child Passenger Safety Information and CPS Tech Classes): www.preventinjury.org
 Center for Criminal Justice Research (Traffic Safety Research and Data for Indiana): <http://policyinstitute.iu.edu>
 DRE: Indiana www.indianadre.com National www.decp.org
 Indiana Coroners Association: www.indcoroners.org
 Indiana State Department of Toxicology: www.in.gov/isdt
 JTAC & eCWS: <http://courts.in.gov/judiciary/jtac> Email: jtacecws@jtac.in.gov
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: www.nhtsa.gov
 Traffic Safety Marketing: www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Traffic Safety Division announces the availability of **Dangerous Driving Enforcement Grants**. Grant applications must be submitted via e-Grants. These grant funds will be used to support high visibility enforcement based programs related to speed, aggressive driving and motorcycles. Applications will be due by close of business Friday, May 11th. For more information, please contact [Dan Jeffries](#). Click [here](#) to view the training video about the grant.



May is Bike Safety Month!

For more information visit <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles>.

“I thought of that while riding my bike.”
 -Albert Einstein, on the theory of relativity